

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6929
LCO No. 4270

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by: (GL)

AN ACT ENSURING THE AVAILABILITY OF CAPTIONED MOVIES TO HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (NEW) Motion picture companies doing business in this state shall
- 2 make available and distribute to not fewer than one theater an open
- 3 captioned version of any movie with a playing time of not fewer than
- 4 sixty minutes and which the noncaptioned version of such movie is
- 5 shown not fewer than seven consecutive days in a theater in this state.
- 6 Any theater receiving an open captioned version of a movie from a
- 7 motion picture company pursuant to this section shall show such
- 8 version for not fewer than seven consecutive days during such
- 9 theater's regular hours.

Statement of Purpose:

To broaden the availability of captioned movies to hearing-impaired persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]